

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner has further restricted examination of claims 1-25 in this application. Specifically, the Examiner asserted that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct species and issued a restriction requiring election of any one species or set of the same species in the claimed invention.

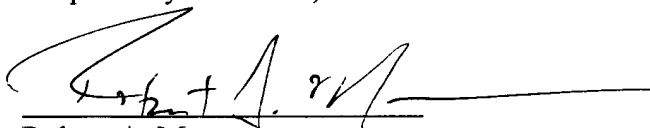
Although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the Examiner's reasons for restriction, Applicants elect to prosecute claims 12-25 of Species II. Therefore, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-11 without prejudice for possible inclusion in a divisional application.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview will help speed this application toward issuance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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